

U.S. Naval Base, Pearl Harbor, Small Berthing Wharf  
[S374] [Wharf F-3½]  
Ford Island  
Pearl Harbor  
Honolulu County  
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## U.S. NAVAL BASE, PEARL HARBOR ~~NAVAL STATION~~, SMALL CRAFT BERTHING WHARF [S374] [Wharf F-3-1.2]

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Location: Ford Island, southeast along Hornet Avenue, between Ferry Slip "A" (S371) and Small Boat Landing S375. Pearl Harbor, Honolulu County, Hawaii

UTM: 4.607780.2362940

Orthophotoquad: Pearl Harbor (U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute series)

Date of Construction: 1943

Engineer: Fourteenth Naval District, Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor

Present Owner: Naval Station (NAVSTA), Pearl Harbor

Present Use: Provides berthing for small craft, such as the Arizona Memorial tour boats, the NAVSTA Water Transportation Department commuter boats, and other small boats under NAVSTA cognizance.

Significance: On the morning of December 7, 1941, the USS CALIFORNIA was berthed at Wharf F-3, which is located near Wharf F-3-1/2. The USS CALIFORNIA was struck by two torpedoes and a 250-kg bomb. It also sustained serious damage from a near-miss from another bomb. It sank over a period of three days. The arduous righting operations (lifting and floating of ship from submerged position) of the USS CALIFORNIA were completed on March 24, 1942. The ship was then placed in drydock on April 9, 1942. Wharf F-3-1/2 was installed in 1943 to provide berthing for small craft and consists of approximately 840 linear feet (LF) of concrete wharf starting at Ferry Slip "A" and approximately 160 LF of steel sheetpile bulkhead wharf to the side of Small Boat Landing S375. The U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1964. As a Category 3 structure, it has been determined that Wharf F-3-1.2 functioned as part of the Pearl Harbor Naval Base, but is only of minor importance to the historic character of the National Historic Landmark.

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